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Martha H. O'Connor Award State Board of Education **DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2010** 2010 Vermont



2010 Vermont State Board of Education Martha H. O'Connor Award

The Martha H. O'Connor Award was established by the Vermont State Board of Education in recognition of Martha H. O'Connor's extraordinary contributions and dedication to Vermont's school children throughout her leadership in public education.

The Martha H. O'Connor Award will be awarded to a private citizen who most closely follows the ideals embodied in Martha's tenure with the State Board of Education. The nominee should be someone from a community who is not currently paid by a school district but who is dedicated to Vermont's school children. A school board member is eligible for nomination. The committee will be looking for individuals who have gone "above and beyond" their contribution and who have shown a true, unselfish commitment to students in their region and beyond.

The awardee will be a person who:

- > is a wise counselor and leader
- possesses grace, balance and good humor
- has won permanent friends for education
- > is resolute in difficult times
- is always ready to celebrate the achievement of others
- never claims credit for himself or herself
- knows that children are the first priority.

All educators and friends of education are encouraged to make nominations. Individuals who were nominated previously but not selected may be renominated.

Nominations should include: the nominee's name and address, relationship to the local or state education system, and should discuss, in narrative form, how the nominee embodies the ideals listed.

Nominations should be no more than two pages long. Nominators must also list two other individuals who can supply information about the nominee's contribution toward education.

The individual selected will be honored at the June 21, 2010 State Board of Education meeting.



Submit nominations to:

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Nominations must be received no later than June 1, 2010